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the Supreme Court districts we didn't...we conformed them to district court districts. We didn't break up any district court Now maybe that isn't a completely compelling rationale. But moving Nemaha County into the First Supreme Court District makes that county the only one out of the First Judicial District for district courts that is in a different Supreme Court district. And I...I'm trying to figure out here, it seems as though Senator Beutler's proposal reduces the deviations marginally for District Number 1 and District...it actually aggravates the discrepancy for District Number 5...or, I'm sorry, it reduces the discrepancy for District Number 5; reduces from 4 to 2 the overage in District Number 1, and reduces from minus 4 to a minus 1 in District 5. I don't know whether that reduction is a...is more compelling to members than the idea that we should try to keep counties that are in a judicial district for the district court and county court, because those are coterminous, together for purposes of the Supreme Court or I think it makes things a little less confusing perhaps when the retention votes come up, if we do that. But I suppose our county clerks and election commissioners are bright enough to figure out where everything could go, in fact I'm sure that they are, but I just ... I just don't know if there's a compelling enough reason for the change that Senator Beutler is suggesting.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I am also somewhat confused about...about the reconfiguration of Nemaha County, who sets surrounded by Pawnee, Johnson and Richardson County, being shifted. I guess I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question, if I could?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, would you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR VRTISKA: What was the...I mean, I...go over again why you think that Nemaha County is the county that should be moved as opposed to one of the other counties with...with the odd configuration that that would make with your proposal.